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Rep. Nancy Barto Applauds CMS Approval of AHCCCS Works Program

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Nancy Barto (R-15) today applauded the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approving the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Works program.

The AHCCCS Works program establishes work requirements for AHCCCS recipients between the ages of 19 and 49 that include employment, education, skills training, or volunteering. Members who are not in compliance with the program will not be removed from the program but will be suspended for two months before being automatically reinstated.

“I am thrilled that CMS has approved the AHCCCS Works program, making Arizona one of the first states to have a Medicaid waiver,” said Representative Barto (R-15). **“Helping able-bodied adults engage in their communities through employment, education, or volunteering will create both positive healthcare outcomes in our state and meaningful developments in the lives of these individuals.”**

AHCCCS estimates 120,000 of the over 1.8 million AHCCCS members will be required to participate in this program, which will begin no sooner than Jan 1, 2020.

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